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# Exporting and Importing Solutions

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A Servoy solution can be exported for sharing or backup and re-imported via the context menu of Solution Explorer.

## Exporting a Solution

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To export a solution:

1. Select **Export Solution** from the context menu of the active solution node.
2. Specify the file destination.
  - By default, Servoy uses the Servoy `application_server/solutions` folder on the local machine.
  - You can click the **Browse** button to specify a different location.
3. Choose your export options. You can protect the solution with a password, and export the solution with referenced modules, tables, sample data, i18n data, and user groups.
4. Click **Next** for additional options (if applicable to the options you selected).
5. Click **Finish**. The file will be saved as a .servoy file.

## Importing a Solution

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To import a previously saved Servoy file to the current workspace:

1. Select **Import Solution** from the context menu of the All Solutions node.
2. Browse to the file location.
3. Select your import options. These include:
  - Clean Import
  - Allow data model (database) changes
  - Activate solution after import
4. Select the resources solution you want to use with the imported project.
5. Click **Finish**. The imported solution will appear under the All solutions node and will become the currently active solution, if this option was selected.

## Importing Existing Solutions into Workspace

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To import the existing solutions into workspace:

1. In the **File** menu, select **Import**
2. From the **General** node select **Existing Projects into Workspace**, click **Next**.
3. Choose one of:
  - a. Browse to the root of the workspace directory which contains the solutions to import.
  - b. Browse to an archive file which contains a workspace with solutions.
4. Check the wanted options, such as:
  - Search for nested projects. If left unchecked, only the projects in the root of the workspace can be imported
  - Copy projects into the workspace
  - Hide projects that already exist in the workspace
5. Select the solutions to import.
6. Click **Finish**. The imported solution will appear under the All solutions node, in the Solution Explorer view.